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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

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INFO AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMCONSUL BARCELONA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EMIN, SS

SUBJECT: POSSIBLE US INVESTMENT IN SPANISH SAHARA

REF STATE 203751

1. INFORMAL EMBASSY INQUIRY MININ REINFORCED OUR INITIAL IMPRESSION SPAIN NOT REPEAT NOT INTERESTED FOREIGN INVESTMENT SAHARAN PHOSPHATES ON ECONOMIC BASIS. BU-CRAA PRODUCTION MOVING WELL ALONG TO TARGET 10 MILLION TONS PER ANNUM.

2. THERE IS POSSIBILITY "INTERNATIONALIZING" MINING OPERATION MIGHT BE INTERESTING FOR POLITICAL REASONS. HOWEVER, ACCORDING MININ SOURCE, THERE HAS BEEN NO PROPOSAL OF ANY KIND MADE KNOWN TO GOS INVOLVING FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN SAHARA.

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3. BU-CRAA SITE WILL BE UP TO 10 MILLION TON ANNUAL PRODUCTION PROBABLY BY END OF 1975; A RATE KNOWN RESERVES

CAN MAINTAIN FOR 150 YEARS. PRODUCTION AT THIS LEVEL WILL  
MAKE SPAIN THIRD OR FOURTH LARGEST PRODUCER IN WORLD JUST  
AHEAD OF OR BEHIND MOROCCO.  
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